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**RESPONSE**

Dear Madam:

This communication responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 13, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply to the Office Action expired on March 13, 2008. Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, for one month, from March 13, 2008, to April 13, 2008. Enclosed is a check for the one-month extension of time fee (\$120.00). It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the extended deadline of April 13, 2008. If any additional extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fees are required, please charge all of the appropriate fees to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.